

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Kindly replace the title used in the International Application with the following:

MEDICINE FEEDER

Please amend the paragraphs beginning on page 2, line 13, as follows:

According to the present invention, as a means to solve the problem stated above, there is provided a medicine feeder comprising: a cassette for housing medicines in array; biasing member for biasing the medicines in the cassette toward one end side; and a discharge member disposed on one end portion of the cassette for holding a medicine in a holding recess portion and discharging the medicine singly by rotating movement.

This structure makes it possible to ensure discharge of the medicines housed in the cassette singly by rotating operation of the discharge member. After one medicine is discharged, the next medicine is supplied to the holding recess portion of the discharge member by the biasing member, allowing smooth discharge operation afterward.

The discharge member should be structured to have a support face so as to support the next medicine while holding the medicine in the holding recess portion and rotating.

It is desirable that the discharge member rotates so as to be positioned in each of a reception position for holding the medicine in the holding recess portion inside the cassette and an extraction position for extracting the medicine held in the holding recess portion, so that medicines can constantly be discharged at the same extraction position with a minimum operation, which makes it possible to increase workability.

It is desirable to include: medicine detection member for detecting whether or not